affected districts. According to them, expenditure *on relief* measures is carried out as *per* Government Resolutions issued by the State Government and that there is no possibility of misuse or improper use of relief assistance. Hence there is no question of any inquiry. The State Government had reportedly carried out a number of relief activities in Kutch district which include opening of grass depots, employment under scarcity related works, payment of cash doles, opening of cattle camps/gaushalas/panjrapoles, payment of cattle subsidy and nutrition programme by way of sukhadi groundnut gram jaggery distribution scheme.

**Indian Nationals in Foreign Jails**

*68. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFA[RS be pleased to state;

(a) whether a large number of Indian soldiers and citizens are impriosoned in foreign jails since long;

(b) if so, the number of Indian soldiers and citizens still imprisoned in foreign jails, country-wise;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to get them released immediately; and

(d) the number of Indian soldiers and citizens released from foreign jails as a result of the efforts made by Government?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT *SINGH):* (a) to (d) According to Government's information, at present there are 54 Indian soldiers and 6032 other Indian citizens imprisoned in various foreign countries. A country-wise break-up of these imprisoned Indian nationals and those so far released from foreign jails is given the annexed Statement. *{See* below)

As soon as an Indian diplomatic Missios/Post is informed of the arrest of an Indian national, a request is made to the host Government for seeking counselor access. An officer *of* the Mission/ Post visits the detainee to ascertain the circumstances leading to the arrest. Where necessary, the Mission/Post takes up the matter with the host Government for speedy and fair trial and also for review of

the sentence. The prisoners are normally released on completion of their sentences. In deserving cases, our Missions/Posts approach the local authorities for remission of sentences.

Statement

*Indian Nationals in Foreign Jails*

*Indian nationals currently in foreign jails*

| Indian soldiers currently in foreign jails | | Indian soldiers/ Civilians releasd from 1.1.1998 (till date) unless otherwise specified. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Country | Soldiers | Civilians | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Algeria | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Angola | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Argentina | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Armenia | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Australia | Nil | 02 | Nil |
| Austria | Nil | 62 | Nil |
| Azerbaijan | Nil | 03 | 01 |
| Bahrain | Nil | 131 | 34 |
| Bangladesh | Nil | 571 | 386 |
| Barbados | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Belarus | Nil | 02 | Nil |
| Belgium | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Benin | Nil | Nil | Nil |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bhutan | Nil | 45 | Nil |
| Botswana | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Brazil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Brunei | Nil | 03 | Nil |
| Bulgaria | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Burkina Faso | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Cambodia | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Cameroon | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Canada | Nil | 03 | Nil |
| Central African Rep. | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Chad | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Chile | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| China | Nil | 01 | 01 |
| Hong Kong (China) | Nil | 25 | Nil |
| Colombia | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Croatia | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Cuba | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Cyprus | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Czech. Rep. | Nil | 02 | Nil |
| Denmark | Nil | 02 | Nil |
| Djibouti | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Dominican Rep. | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Egypt | Nil | 12 | Nil |
| El Salvador | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Ethiopia | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Eritrea | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Fiji | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Finland | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| France | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Georgia | Nil | 01 | Nil |
| Germany | Nil | 224 | Nil |

| | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ghana | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Guinea | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Greece | Nil | 97 | 110 |
| Guyana | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Haiti | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Hungary | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Indonesia | Nil | 02 | Nil |
| Iran | Nil | 10 | Nil |
| Iraq | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Ireland | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Israel | Nil | 03 | Nil |
| *Italy* | Nil | 04 | Nil |
| Ivory Coast | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Jamaica | Nil- | Nil | Nil |
| Japan | Nil | 05 | Nil |
| Jordan | Nil | 10 | 09 (w.e.f. Jan., 00) |
| Kazakhstan | Nil | 03 | 0l (w.e.f. Jan., 00) |
| Kenya | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| DPR Korea | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Rep. of Korea | Nil | 04 | Nil |
| Kuwait | Nil | 107 | Nil |
| Kyrgyzstan | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Lao PDR | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Latvia | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Lebanon | Nil | 03 | 29 (w.e.f. Jan., 00) |
| Libya | Nil | 03 | 01 |
| Liberia | Nil | Nil | Nil |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lithuania | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Macedonia | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Madagascar | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Malaysia | Nil | 703 | 433 (w.e.f. Jan.., 00) |
| Maldives | Nil | 01 | Nil |
| Malta | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Mauritius | Nil | 48 | 01 |
| Mexico | Nil | 01 | Nil |
| Mongolia | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Morocco | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Mozambique | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Myanmar | Nil | 21 | 08 (July, 2000) |
| Nepal | Nil | 207 | Nil |
| Netherlands | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Namibia | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| New Zealand | Nil | 02 | Nil |
| Nicaragua | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Niger | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Nigeria | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Norway | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Sultanate of Oman | Nil | 14 | Nil |
| Palestine | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Papua New Guinea | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Pakistan | 54 | 975 | 619 (Since 1997) |
| Panama | Nil | 02 | Nil |
| Paraguay | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Peru & Bolivia | Nil | Nil | Nil |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Philippines | Nil | 03 | Nil |
| Poland | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Portugal | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Qatar | Nil | 56 | 300 (w.e.f. Jan., 99) |
| Romania | Nil | 01 | Nil |
| Russian Federation | Nil | 12 | 02 |
| Saudi Arabia | Nil | 768 | Nil |
| Senegal | Nil | Nil | 02 |
| Seychelles | Nil | 01 | Nil |
| Sierra Leone | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Singapore | Nil | 350 | Nil |
| Slovak Republic | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| South Africa | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Spain | Nil | 02 | Nil |
| Sri Lanka | Nil | 56 | 83 |
| Sudan | Nil | Nil | 03 |
| Suriname | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Sweden | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Switzerland | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | Nil | 18 | 19 |
| Tanzania | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Tajikistan | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Thailand | Nil | 47 | 73 (w.e.f. Jan., 00) |
| Trinidad and Tobago | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Togo | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Tunisia | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Turkey | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Turkmenistan | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Uganda, Rwanda & Burundi | Nil | Nil | Nil |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ukraine | 02 | 03 | |
| United Arab Emirates | Nil | 800 | Nil |
| United kingdom | Nil | 239 | Nil |
| *United* States of America | Nil | 358 | 17 (w.e.f. Jan., 00) |
| Uruguay | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Uzbekistan | Nil | 01 | Nil |
| Venezuela | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Vietnam | Nil | 01 | Nil |
| Rep. of Yemen | Nil | 02 | 10 (last 6 years) |
| Yugoslavia | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Zambia | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Zimbabwe | Nil | 01 | Nil |
| TOTAL: | 54 | 6,032 | 2,145 |

**Outcome of Israel Visit**

*69. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought help form isreal to fight terrorism in the country;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held with him on his recent visit to Jerusalem;

(c) whether any agreement between both the countries have been signed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and to what extent it is helpful in combating terrorism?